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THIRD ANNUAL HERNDON *RELAY FOR LIFE* TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL

On Tuesday, January 24, the Herndon Town Council will present a resolution to the organizers of the third annual Herndon *Relay For Life*, which will take place on Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 2006 at Herndon High School.

The relay, which benefits the American Cancer Society, will be held in Herndon for the third consecutive year. The first annual Herndon *Relay For Life* in 2004 involved more than 700 participants and raised more than \$120,000; in 2005, the event involved more than 900 participants and raised more than \$165,000.

According to event organizers, anyone can put together a team. Families, friends, neighbors, classmates, church members, and co-workers join together to create eight to 15 member teams that raise funds prior to the event, then walk or run relay style around the track for the duration of the event. Each team is offered a campsite and encouraged to stay overnight, keeping at least one team member on the track at all times, organizers said.

While the relay is underway, a festival-style atmosphere is created by team members camping out, enjoying entertainment, food, games, and camaraderie. At dusk, candles are placed around the track and lit during the Luminaria Ceremony to honor cancer survivors and remember those who have lost their battle with cancer. *Relay For Life* not only raises funds to fight cancer but also raises awareness about cancer prevention and the programs and services offered by the American Cancer Society.

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A kick-off event for the third annual Herndon *Relay For Life* will be held on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Herndon Municipal Center. Individuals interested in participating in this year's program are welcome to attend. For more information regarding the Herndon *Relay For Life*, go to www.herndonrelay.org or call Leslie Petty at 703-450-4372.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town's website at **www.herndon-va.gov**.

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